

REMARKS

The Official Action dated March 3, 2006 and the telephonic interview with the Examiner on May 31, 2006, have been carefully considered. Accordingly, the changes and remarks presented herewith are believed sufficient to place the present invention in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the present Amendment, Claims 52-63 have been amended and Claims 9, 10, 30, 31, 44 and 46 have been cancelled to expedite prosecution of the present application. The claim amendment rectifies minor informalities related to multiple dependent claims and consistency related to claim term "printhead". Since these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter and do not raise any new issues, entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

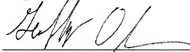
In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 44 and 46 and claims 9, 10, 30 and 31 dependent thereon under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the subject matter. Claims 9, 10, 30, 31, 44 and 46 have been cancelled to expedite prosecution of the present application. As such, the Examiner's rejection of these claims has been mooted.

Finally, Applicant appreciates the Examiner initiated telephonic interview of May 31, 2006 with Applicants' Representative Geoffrey Oberhaus. During the telephonic interview, the Examiner and Mr. Oberhaus discussed the dependent claims having multiple dependency informalities due to them depending on other multiple dependent claims. Applicants representative agreed to amend the dependent claims to ensure there were no multiple dependent claim informalities. The present claim amendment is believed to correct any multiple dependent claim informalities. The Examiner and Mr. Oberhaus then briefly discussed the subject matter of independent claims 44 and 46. To expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants representative agreed to cancel independent claims 44 and 46

and any claims dependent thereon. The Examiner indicated that the present application, amended as discussed above, would then be in condition for allowance. As such, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

It is believed that the above and the First Amendment after Final filed May 26, 2006, represent a complete response to the Examiner's objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 103 and 112, and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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